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Media Statement

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LEARNERS ASSAULT VIDEO GONE VIRAL

The Limpopo Department of Education can confirm after checking with all our schools, that the assault video that went viral since yesterday, where two learners in school uniform are captured kicking repeatedly another person, is indeed a shocking incident that took place in the province. The two learners involved in the assault and the victim have been identified to be all learners of Limpopo attached to one of our schools in Seshego Circuit, called Dr AMS Makunyane Secondary School in Polokwane district.

Contrary to what was widely circulated in the social media that the learners were attacking an educator who had confiscated a learner's cellphone, our investigations revealed that the two learners in uniform, who are siblings, were actually attacking a fellow learner. The victim who is also a learner at the same school had gone home to change after school and they waited for her outside her home where she was sadly attacked. The school has further confirmed that none of their educators were attacked by any learners and that they are all fine. Disciplinary proceedings are underway in this regard.

MEC Kgetjepe in his reaction said: "We view this kind of conduct in a very serious light as these learners have brought the school into disrepute. The department expects learners whether inside or outside the school to always behave themselves and to desist from violent attacks. We condemn vehemently violence among learners and violence against teachers by learners"

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